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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL ANNOUNCES INCREASED COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

~ Efforts aim to reduce the number of commercial vehicle crashes ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Highway Patrol will conduct saturation patrols statewide on Nov 16 and Nov. 17, 2011. The saturation patrols will concentrate on commercial vehicle violations through:

- increased roadside vehicle safety inspections
- over size and overweight enforcement (portable scales will be used in Palm Beach County to create a temporary weigh station)
- increased enforcement of moving violations involving commercial vehicles

Although troopers perform such enforcement day in and day out, saturation patrols place a special emphasis on year-round commercial vehicle and driver safety aimed at saving lives on Florida highways. FHP conducts more than 100,000 commercial vehicle inspections annually, placing more than 16,000 vehicles out of service for repair of serious safety violations.

“Enforcement efforts such as these contribute to the reduction of commercial vehicle related crashes in Florida, which are at their lowest since 2001,” said Maj. Dan Starling, commander for the northern region of the patrol’s Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter @[FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV). You can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/flhsmv), too.

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